

STATEMENT OF GERALD R. RUTZ, CANDIDATE FOR PAYSON SCHOOL
DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD

Obtaining the highest quality education begins with the personnel attempting to obtain that objective. The student must always be the primary focus; achieving the maximum results in the education of our students requires the highest quality teachers, administrators, and classified personnel, as well as the physical facilities needed to accomplish our lofty goals.

Having taught high school math for 32 years and community college evening division math for 20 years, I have acquired an excellent analysis of school district operations. Over the years yours truly earned a Bachelor's and Master's degree from the University of Wisconsin plus 72 post-graduate credits from Arizona State University. My courses include 70 credits in education, including school law and school finance. As math department chairman at Scottsdale High School I chaired the North Central Evaluation, which is concerned with all aspects of secondary education. Internship would have qualified me for an Arizona Administrator's certificate; however, staying close to the students in the classroom was a higher priority.

My diverse interests and experiences would contribute to a better understanding of many school functions. During my senior year in high school I became the Milwaukee City chess champion, played the lead role in the senior play, won the Spanish medal, and was a member of the golf team. At UW I qualified for the bowling team and the billiards team and was a member of Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity. Four years of coaching freshman football brought an improved understanding of students outside the classroom. Many seasons out in left field, playing softball with fellow teachers, was great for camaraderie. For 22 years as math chairman I was able to influence school and Scottsdale district mathematics programs.

Presently I am retired, have the time and energy and expertise to become a valuable member of the Payson school board. Payson is my paradise on earth for the rest of my life and hopefully a commendable legacy will be developed. One of my favorite sayings is: "If you see someone without a smile, give them yours". If I am able to cause major success for a multitude of students you will see the biggest smile of your lifetime on my face.

Your confidence in my ability is sincerely appreciated as is your concern for the academic and social success of all of our students.



Gerald R. Rutz

